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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1977-78 - July	6,954	6,556			39.6		8,161	7,210	25,724	21,594	687	590	461	424	34.2	34.1	239	232	
August	6,630	6,951	26,462	43.2	7,777	6,909	25,177	21,270	619	607	430	421	36.4	32.7	258	225	239	232	
September	6,901	6,679			39.1	7,301	7,038	22,510	20,772	617	604	430	409	34.9	29.5	269	238		
October	7,085	6,548			37.8	6,665	6,668	19,350	18,835	638	602	432	411	17.5	15.7	213	192		
November	7,533	6,546	24,285	41.1	6,546	7,085	19,353	20,602	557	564	472	441	40.5	35.7	255	202	255	202	
December	5,329	6,367			28.9	6,715	7,232	18,255	21,393	594	574	413	422	29.4	34.6	199	218		
January	4,721	7,062			22.6	6,544	7,290	17,044	21,534	669	650	278	412	13.1	38.2	87	179		
February	6,704	6,541	20,257	31.7	6,420	7,271	18,049	21,705	603	663	421	442	34.7	35.8	195	215	195	215	
March	6,101	7,000			33.7	7,098	7,462	19,941	21,700	675	657	423	424	37.2	35.9	205	200		
April	6,596	6,561			28.8	6,866	7,312	20,603	21,957	573	608	421	410	33.0	34.7	163	178		
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	19,257	32.2	7,676	7,245	23,417	21,802	706	684	432	421	39.0	32.5	169	164	169	164	
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		36.1	8,070	7,337	25,888	22,247	694	738	408	399	34.8	32.4	204	200	204	200	
1978-79 - July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	r8,555	r7,541	r27,472	r23,169	r628	628	397	371	38.0	37.3	232	228	232	228
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	8,401	7,512	27,199	22,931	551	544	438	426	30.9	27.1	237	220	237	220

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains: includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts (tonnes)	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - July	3,882	3,404	481	498	9,913	240	230	206.7	260	404	37,437	74.1	74.1	77.9	18,942	18,868
August	3,524	3,143	569	539	12,022	r243	r234	207.6	392	405	72,878	77.3				
September	3,779	3,113	560	556	11,927	r255	r244	209.4	544	442	93,844	78.6				
October	2,742	2,535	451	427	8,771	r254	r249	210.9	679	446	94,890	78.0	78.0	73.2	19,083	19,161
November	3,297	3,090	730	579	12,350	257	254	211.6	676	433	84,771	76.5				
December	2,856	3,226	496	571	8,911	213	237	212.4	624	428	49,080	74.5				
January	1,257	3,193	295	569	3,826	218	249	213.8	476	386	26,634	68.6	68.6	68.6	19,350	19,329
February	3,050	3,080	568	493	9,748	219	233	215.6	421	464	32,553	68.6				
March	3,109	2,881	648	550	9,757	242	242	217.1	372	448	35,516	68.6				
April	2,832	3,265	574	606	9,166	215	220	218.8	279	444	29,928	68.8	68.8	68.8	19,682	19,702
May	3,151	2,883	569	512	10,472	r251	r230	220.0	r235	r438	29,590	n.y.a.				
June	3,751	3,213	567	r654	r11,809	229	r215	221.6	224	453	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				
1978-79 - July	r3,979	r3,925	r599	r639	11,092	218	210	223.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
August	3,741	3,375	676	627	11,113	234	223	224.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b)		Export price index		Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m								
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports	Imports	All groups 1959-60=100	All groups excl. wool			Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.					
									Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					Original	Original			
1977-78 - July	980	r996	940	933	2,412	1,858	{	212	237	-343	42	3,053	3,008						
August	1,088	1,022	1,011	906										210	237	-222	-163	2,701	2,729
September	r1,011	974	877	877										210	236	-206	157	2,820	2,848
October	r966	974	921	923										211	234	-150	221	3,000	3,016
November	1,115	r1,071	951	902	2,559	1,800	{	208	231	8	-84	2,938	2,961						
December	r993	r1,025	758	843										209	233	-11	-57	2,879	2,891
January	r1,013	r1,043	986	935										210	235	-317	211	2,861	2,922
February	953	1,017	854	920										212	236	-77	118	2,948	2,926
March	952	1,008	r965	r943	2,496	1,938	{	214	239	-362	729	3,262	3,245						
April	1,010	1,036	897	r1,027										215	240	-245	240	3,229	3,207
May	r1,042	993	1,020	955										218	245	-303	264	3,182	3,145
June	r1,123	r1,081	988	1,024										222	249	-182	190	3,225	3,182
1978-79 - July	1,068	1,115	1,052	1,025	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		r-339	r326	3,293	3,253							
August	1,040	970	1,124	992	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		-414	307	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							

(a) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (a) \$m		Retail Sales †										Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (d) \$m			
			Food & drink (a) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (a) \$m		Other (a)(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (c) '000					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1977-78 - July	1,777	1,866	2,602	2,656	1,933	1,990	952	992	38.1	37.9	12.2	11.6	2,781			
August	1,842	1,871							40.1	37.0	11.9	10.8	2,807			
September	1,868	1,901							34.5	35.1	10.2	10.4	2,827			
October	1,907	1,929							34.0	33.7	10.5	10.4	2,848			
November	2,018	1,943	2,959	2,761	2,404	2,062	1,208	1,028	36.6	35.4	10.6	10.2	2,875			
December	2,646	1,971							35.2	36.5	10.3	10.9	2,910			
January	1,795	1,965							30.1	36.0	8.4	10.4	2,922			
February	1,760	1,999							33.6	36.9	9.8	11.2	2,912			
March	1,949	1,990	2,813	2,902	2,163	2,140	994	1,060	34.9	34.1	10.3	10.7	2,917			
April	1,910	2,020							37.1	37.8	11.2	11.1	2,928			
May	2,119	2,058							40.3	35.6	12.8	11.1	2,944			
June	1,991	2,044							38.1	36.9	13.4	12.5	2,954			
1978-79 - July	1,948	2,063	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		n.y.a.		r38.2	r37.4	r12.2	r11.5	2,961			
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.		n.y.a.		44.5	40.7	11.0	10.2	n.y.a.			

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: April \$m140, May \$m158, June \$m146, July \$m144.

† Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments.

WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)																							
Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (c) 1954 = 100	Factory overtime (b) at larger private factories hours		All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)									
	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.										Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1977-78 - July			509.8	2.4	2.5		214.9																
August	204.10	204.40	519.6	2.4	2.4	234.1	217.7	248.2	266.7	206.4	232.3	236.0	307.1	110.1									
September			519.9	2.3	2.3		219.8																
October			520.0	2.3	2.2		222.4																
November	212.50	205.00	520.0	2.7	2.5	239.6	222.2	256.5	273.2	211.7	239.2	239.2	311.0	112.6									
December			527.6	2.6	2.5		221.7																
January			527.6	2.1	2.6		222.6																
February	205.10	213.00	535.4	2.4	2.3	242.7	223.6	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9									
March			535.4	2.3	2.1		224.4																
April			535.4	2.3	2.4		227.7																
May	215.50	215.00	535.3	2.4	2.3	247.7	229.0	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0									
June			542.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		232.7																
1978-79 - July			547.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		234.9																
August			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		236.0																

(a) The composition of the groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Average hours worked in survey week. (c) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* bulletins due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

										Price indexes (a)		New capital expenditure by private enterprises			
										Materials used in building other than house building		Buildings and structures \$m		Other capital equipment \$m	
Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building					
Month	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - July	502.1	486.3	10.7	10.8	105.9					245.2	241.9				
August	526.1	532.2	11.4	10.9	111.0	1,596.0	r1,549.3	33.1	31.5	247.0	243.3	504.1	496.0	1,094.9	1,105.5
September	509.8	497.4	10.7	10.3	117.5					248.0	244.7				
October	542.3	528.7	11.0	10.9	108.8					249.2	245.8				
November	554.2	529.4	11.4	10.6	126.5	1,483.0	r1,594.5	r27.6	r29.3	249.8	247.7	558.5	502.2	1,247.5	1,165.2
December	492.6	535.4	9.9	10.8	129.0					251.0	249.4				
January	407.2	512.2	7.8	10.2	101.2					251.9	250.7				
February	434.9	495.0	8.7	9.8	88.1	1,475.4	1,499.7	26.4	27.0	253.7	251.8	r410.9	r494.0	r1,088.3	r1,237.9
March	500.2	536.5	10.1	10.2	110.7					255.1	252.9				
April	518.9	520.6	10.0	10.1	129.9					256.7	254.6				
May	562.3	476.9	11.1	9.6	113.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30.7	29.8	257.6	255.7	510.2	490.5	1,489.7	1,405.9
June	585.5	502.2	11.0	10.0	170.9					258.5	257.8				
1978-79 - July	468.6	445.4	9.4	9.2	81.3					r259.0	r258.5				
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					260.4	259.4				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks – Depositors' Balances (a) \$m		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation – value of loans approved (d)			Commonwealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			Original	Original	Original
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original				Original	Original			
1977-78 – July	16,505	16,533	16,837	17,564	12,369	12,191	15,242	232	158	83	9.86			1,608	2,017
August	16,667	16,611	17,198	17,635	12,371	12,355	15,495	266	177	82	9.86	450.5		1,499	1,952
September	16,876	16,744	17,035	17,495	12,529	12,590	15,537	230	170	89	9.74			1,503	2,015
October	17,082	16,874	17,429	17,591	12,926	12,851	15,714	241	137	100	9.42			1,534	1,982
November	17,103	16,979	17,728	17,794	12,964	13,085	16,003	308	147	100	9.27	416.2		2,195	2,067
December	17,248	17,171	17,860	17,549	12,970	13,153	16,329	210	129	83	9.26			1,608	2,015
January	17,380	17,341	18,056	17,452	12,857	12,920	16,340	245	122	73	8.99			1,877	2,105
February	17,543	17,516	18,342	17,590	12,869	13,193	16,399	272	136	86	8.83	229.7		2,071	2,093
March	17,453	17,528	18,745	17,846	13,159	13,443	16,533	292	134	83	8.83			1,980	2,119
April	17,409	17,681	18,620	18,147	13,463	13,340	16,668	250	129	93	8.83			3,030	2,127
May	17,650	17,934	17,890	18,061	13,757	13,573	17,037	307	150	95	8.82	386.5		3,672	1,982
June	18,046	18,065	17,593	18,296	13,626	13,485	17,066	253	140	83	8.83			2,321	2,007
1978-79 – July	18,222	18,268	17,636	18,431	13,685	13,533	17,284	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8.83			n.y.a.	n.y.a.
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	18,255	18,870	13,962	13,962	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8.79			n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	S\$m		S\$m		S\$m		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1976-77 - March	19,826	20,932	1,187	1,091	18,639	19,841	11,611	12,168	3,138	3,360	2,809	3,104	1,587	1,821
June	20,565	21,374	517	1,121	20,048	20,253	12,460	12,491	3,567	3,443	3,155	3,020	2,184	1,897
1977-78 - September	21,921	21,918	924	998	20,997	20,920	12,739	12,864	3,542	3,594	3,159	3,149	1,706	1,855
December	24,067	22,128	1,646	1,011	22,421	21,117	13,939	13,182	3,862	3,697	3,369	3,214	2,007	1,892
March	21,622	22,889	887	992	20,735	21,897	12,937	13,540	3,598	3,850	2,963	3,282	1,758	2,026
June	22,609	23,390	577	1,027	22,032	22,363	14,013	14,048	4,125	3,983	3,667	3,500	2,239	1,944
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1976-77 - March	15,381	16,161	1,109	983	14,272	15,178	8,902	9,330	2,455	2,602	2,103	2,319	1,212	1,394
June	15,405	16,255	402	989	15,003	15,266	9,321	9,312	2,709	2,602	2,318	2,217	1,631	1,411
1977-78 - September	16,449	16,393	803	931	15,646	15,462	9,338	9,419	2,630	2,662	2,277	2,266	1,263	1,376
December	18,063	16,355	1,707	929	16,356	15,421	9,999	9,498	2,800	2,723	2,387	2,285	1,470	1,386
March	15,486	16,473	795	927	14,691	15,546	9,128	9,556	2,608	2,765	2,068	2,286	1,251	1,446
June	15,671	16,518	387	916	15,284	15,602	9,708	9,698	2,944	2,830	2,512	2,397	1,571	1,363
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	S\$m		S\$m		Companies		Other		S\$m		S\$m	S\$m	S\$m	S\$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original
1976-77 - March	3,498	3,580	3,240	3,321	2,050	2,519	4,206	4,334	11,008	11,550	673	16,137	3,273	13,536
June	3,565	3,589	3,359	3,351	2,489	2,478	3,529	4,457	11,903	11,917	26	17,933	5,138	12,822
1977-78 - September	3,529	3,497	3,438	3,443	2,603	2,601	4,643	4,504	12,215	12,254	418	18,037	2,791	15,664
December	3,355	3,390	3,621	3,541	3,052	2,619	5,668	4,642	12,876	12,336	1,095	19,197	2,923	17,368
March	3,583	3,664	3,266	3,350	2,323	2,791	4,448	4,797	12,246	12,743	418	18,091	3,430	15,079
June	3,786	3,809	3,576	3,565	2,735	2,724	4,138	5,034	12,782	12,861	91	19,741	5,184	14,648

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)							UNEMPLOYED PERSONS ('000)				JOB VACANCIES ('000)		
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Labour Force Survey (c)			Registered with CES (d) (for full-time work)	Unemployment benefit recipients (e)	Survey estimates (f)	Registered with CES (d)
	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total				
1977-78 - July													
August	4,056.9	4,074.5	2,297.8	2,325.9	6,354.7	6,400.7	283.3	76.0	359.3	337.4	253.8		19.1
September										334.0	254.9	41.0	20.4
October										328.2	249.6		19.9
November	4,050.4	4,063.0	2,291.9	2,270.2	6,342.2	6,334.1				370.3	254.1		21.1
December							277.4	69.4	346.8	357.0	238.3	36.4	20.3
January										404.1	256.2		20.0
February	4,112.4	4,083.0	2,296.9	2,277.8	6,409.3	6,360.3				445.3	269.9		24.9
March	4,087.6		2,320.5		6,408.1		395.8	81.3	477.0	431.3	298.5	36.0	22.3
April	4,078.5		2,326.4		6,404.9		345.7	74.6	420.3	410.0	280.2	35.6	19.5
May	4,072.6	4,071.7	2,321.4	2,335.2	6,394.0	6,405.6	333.5	67.6	401.1	402.5	283.3		18.6
June	4,076.7		2,307.5		6,384.2		331.6	63.7	395.3	392.2	272.4	32.2	17.9
							330.5	61.8	392.3	393.8	286.1		17.2
1978-79 - July	4,059.3		2,316.8		6,376.1								
August	4,053.8	4,071.3	2,310.6	2,338.6	6,364.4	6,410.2	325.4	52.6	378.0	393.4	290.7		18.3
							332.1	62.9	395.0	388.6	285.4		18.1
(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the civilian population aged 15 years and over, less those in the armed forces and those in institutions.													

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Suspension of seasonally adjusted figures in this series is explained in *The Labour Force, November 1977* (6203.0). (d) Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service at Friday nearest the end of the month. (e) For reference dates see *Employment and Unemployment* (6213.0). (f) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the last Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)														
Month	Total civilian employees ('000)						Private Government ('000 persons)				Principal industries ('000 persons)			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1976-77 - June	2,979.2	2,969.6	1,747.1	1,744.5	4,726.2	4,714.1	3,262.5	3,258.9	1,463.8	1,455.2	1,156.2	1,155.8	968.9	968.7
1977-78 - July	2,968.9	2,967.6	1,748.8	1,747.4	4,717.7	4,715.0	3,251.0	3,255.9	1,466.8	1,459.1	1,148.3	1,150.1	967.2	969.5
August	2,964.5	2,968.4	1,752.5	1,752.7	4,717.0	4,721.1	3,246.5	3,254.4	1,470.5	1,466.7	1,147.4	1,149.3	965.2	969.4
September (c)	2,955.3	2,961.9	1,756.8	1,754.6	4,712.1	4,716.5	3,241.3	3,245.3	1,470.8	1,471.2	1,145.2	1,145.3	965.1	967.5
October (c)	2,954.4	2,960.9	1,762.5	1,756.6	4,716.9	4,721.5	3,241.9	3,249.2	1,475.0	1,478.3	1,142.8	1,141.0	967.6	966.0
November	2,959.6	2,962.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	4,733.5	3,251.9	3,240.6	1,477.8	1,482.9	1,144.2	1,141.7	974.4	966.8
December	2,960.3	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,735.6	3,251.9	3,248.1	1,471.8	1,487.5	1,136.3	1,140.7	980.1	970.5
January	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.5	4,702.6	4,728.6	3,239.7	3,245.9	1,476.5	1,493.8	1,132.7	1,139.5	964.3	970.1
February	2,962.6	2,961.9	1,761.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,728.6	3,235.5	3,238.0	1,490.8	1,490.6	1,138.6	1,137.3	964.7	969.2
March	2,959.6	2,952.4	1,764.3	1,760.6	4,724.0	4,713.0	3,233.7	3,233.7	1,494.4	1,489.3	1,135.6	1,131.0	963.5	965.0
April	2,956.0	2,948.9	1,768.1	1,762.5	4,724.1	4,711.4	3,226.2	3,219.8	1,497.9	1,491.6	1,130.9	1,128.2	965.0	964.3
May	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,769.2	1,764.8	4,721.1	4,705.1	3,222.6	3,215.4	1,498.5	1,489.7	1,127.7	1,125.9	965.3	963.8
June (c)	2,943.8	2,933.9	1,771.0	1,768.3	4,714.9	4,702.2	3,216.4	3,212.7	1,498.5	1,489.5	1,123.7	1,123.1	965.8	965.7
1978-79 - July	2,939.5	2,937.7	1,774.2	1,772.5	4,713.7	4,710.2	3,213.0	3,217.5	1,500.7	1,492.7	1,121.7	1,123.5	964.2	965.2

(a) The asterisk indicates that the figures are preliminary.

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978* (1309.0). (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

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